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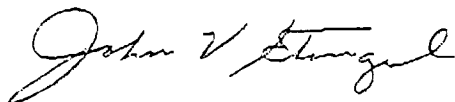
Attorney General John Ashcroft  
The U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC, USA 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft,

I am writing to express my thoughts on the Microsoft antitrust case. The settlement was hammered out after negotiating with a court-appointed mediator, and was apparently good enough for nine states to approve. Microsoft is currently working with the remaining states to reach a resolution to the lawsuit. I support the settlement, and I encourage you to continue working to enact it.

The settlement allows competitors to sue Microsoft if they feel that it is not complying with the terms of the agreement, and the government created a technical oversight committee to review Microsoft's codes and books. The federal budget is tight, and it is a bad idea to spend scarce resources on a problem that has already been solved. In short, three years has been long enough. I ask that you work to allow the settlement the time to prove itself.

Sincerely,



John Stengel

cc: Senator Rick Santorum  
Representative George W. Gekas